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### ***Davis Announces 2004 Hoosier Hospitality Award Winners***

INDIANAPOLIS - Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today honored 31 men and women from across the state with 2004 Lieutenant Governor's Hospitality Awards.

The Indiana Department of Commerce's Office of Tourism and Film Development presents the awards annually to individuals who provide exceptional service to guests of Indiana tourism attractions or hospitality businesses. A complete list of this year's winners is attached.

"The men and women we are recognizing today are our state's front-line travel ambassadors," said Davis, who leads the state's tourism promotion efforts as director of the Department of Commerce. "Each day they do an outstanding job of helping visitors enjoy their stay in our state and encourage them to make return trips. We thank them for their service to the tourism industry and the state of Indiana."

Today's awards ceremony was held in conjunction with the kick-off of "Enjoy Indiana Week," the state's annual celebration of National Tourism Week, May 8-16, 2004. More than 130 attractions are participating in the celebration by offering free or discounted admission or other special promotions throughout the week.

Indiana's tourism industry stimulates visitor spending and economic growth by developing and promoting quality travel experiences in Indiana. The most recent economic impact study shows that the Indiana tourism industry supports more than 94,000 full-time jobs, generates more than \$6.5 billion in visitor spending annually and attracts more than 57 million guests each year.

For more information on the Lieutenant Governor's Hospitality Awards, Enjoy Indiana Week or other tourism programs, please contact the Office of Tourism and Film Development at 877.289.6646 or visit [www.enjoyindiana.com](http://www.enjoyindiana.com).

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## 2004 Lt. Governor Hospitality Award Winners

<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Business/Attraction</i>
Bartholomew	Edinburgh	Sherry Sanders	Hampton Inn
Carroll	Delphi	Dan McCain	Wabash & Erie Canal Association
Clark	Clarksville	Steve Knowles	Falls of the Ohio State Park & Interpretive Center
Crawford	Leavenworth	Sharon Wilson	Crawford County Tourism Office
Dearborn	Lawrenceburg	Christine Stewart	Argosy Casino & Hotel
Decatur	Westport	Albert & Diane Armand	Harper Valley Farms and Pumpkin Patch
DeKalb	Auburn	Howard A. Bates	Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
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Dubois	Huntingburg	Teresa Bounds	Subway of Huntingburg
Elkhart	Nappanee	Dennis Templeton	Amish Acres
Floyd	New Albany	Carl Holliday	Mansion at River Walk Bed and Breakfast and Parthenon
Harrison	Elizabeth	Johndee Mitchell	Caesar's Indiana Hotel
Henry	New Castle	Sharon Roberts	Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame
Huntington	Warren	Lilly Nutter	Pulse Opera House
Jackson	Seymour	Julie Otte	Greater Seymour Chamber of Commerce
Jay	Bryant	Norma Lawrence	Bearcreek Farms
Jennings	North Vernon	Mary Wilds	Comfort Inn
Knox	Vincennes	Dale Phillips	George Rogers Clark National Historical Park
Marion	Indianapolis	Donald Louis Thiele	Circle Centre Guest Services
Miami	Peru	John Ensign	Grissom Air Museum
Montgomery	Crawfordsville	Carol Sweek	Old Jail Museum
Orange	French Lick	Teresa Richardson	Indiana Railway Museum
Perry	Tell City	Danielle Hillenbrand	Holiday Inn Express Hotels & Suites
Porter	Valparaiso	Mike Brown	Valpo Velvet Shoppe
Randolph	Winchester	Debi Davenport	Winchester Guest House Inn
Spencer	Santa Claus	Duane Walter	Spencer Co. Visitors Bureau
St. Joseph	South Bend	Don Steinhilber	The College Football Hall of Fame
Switzerland	Belterra	Delaine Delehanty	Belterra Casino Resort & Spa
Tippecanoe	Lafayette	Jodi High	Days Inn & Suites Hotel
Whitley	Columbia City	Heath Ross	Super 8 Motel